

spent several months being interviewed and scrutinized for the job at the Department of Defense. He was nominated by President Bush after an extensive FBI background check. The Armed Services Committee approved Winkenwerder's nomination Oct. 16, and he was sworn into office Oct. 30.

"My goals are pretty simple," he said. "I want to protect the health of the people who are in the service, making sure especially that we are ready for chemical or biological attacks.

"I want to improve Tricare, managing costs and improving service and quality," he said. "And I want to improve our relationships with other entities like Congress, the VA system and the Department of Health and Human Services." Winkenwerder's wife, Pride and 10-year-old son, Will are staying in Boston until the end of the school year, when they will join him in Washington. In the meantime, he is working 12-hour days in his office at the Pentagon. Winkenwerder is excited to be in a job where he can use his years of experience and preparation to, perhaps, make a difference.

"I would just hope that in some way, by being an effective leader, I can help improve health care for an important group of people who serve our nation," he said.

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#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THOMAS KEAN

#### HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an exceptional leader and role model for all New Jersey, our former governor, the Honorable Thomas H. Kean. Today, Governor Kean will be honored at the "Evening with the Governors" 2001 Good Scout Awards of the Northern New Jersey Council of Boy Scouts of America. Governor Kean has turned his ability to both serve and lead into a career of tremendous public service. As Governor of New Jersey, he worked hard for New Jersey, and New Jersey thanked him, re-electing him to a second term as he won by more than 700,000 votes. This evening, we will honor the Governor for his dedicated work.

Governor Kean is remembered for policy, not politics. Known for his immense knowledge of education issues and ability to connect with so many residents of New Jersey, Governor Kean was one of our most popular governors in state history. During his two terms in office in the 1980s, Governor Kean was responsible for more than 30 education reforms, landmark environmental policies, and tax cuts that created 750,000 jobs in New Jersey. Governor Kean's work truly helped New Jersey residents and even today he is one of our most recognized leaders in New Jersey government.

His recognition extends well outside of our state. In 1988, Governor Kean delivered the keynote address at the Republican National Convention and has been recognized by three presidents as "The Education Governor." He holds numerous awards from environmental and educational organizations including more than 30 honorary degrees. Governor Kean serves on the Board of Trustees of his two alma maters—Princeton University and Columbia University Teachers College. He is also

chairman of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

However it is education that continues to be of great importance to Governor Kean. Since leaving New Jersey political life in 1990, Governor Kean has served as President of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, where he has led Drew to become one of the nation's premiere small universities with a focus on teaching, technology in the classroom, and international educational experience. Since beginning his tenure, undergraduate applications have increased astronomically, endowment has tripled in size, and the University has launched its first comprehensive fund-raising campaign. Yet Governor Kean's passion seems to still reside in the classroom, and he is often found there. As one who shares his education background, I understand his desire to not only work with education policies, but most importantly with the students. I commend him for this dedication.

I thank Governor Tom Kean for all that he has done for our state of New Jersey. He has accomplished great things and continues to do so. His heart truly focuses on policies and people, not politics and partisanship. In this way, he is a role model for all in this chamber.

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#### TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS SMOCK

#### HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Phyllis Smock on her retirement from the University System of Maryland after more than 32 years of dedicated service.

A friend of the State of Maryland, Phyllis Smock, University of Maryland University College's director of alumni relations, will retire on December 1, 2001. Ms. Smock has played a significant role in the growth of University of Maryland University College.

University of Maryland University College, or UMUC, is one of 11 accredited degree-granting institutions in the University System. For 50 years, the University has fulfilled its principal mission: to serve adult, part-time students through high-quality educational opportunities. In 1949, of the U.S. colleges and universities invited to provide courses to the men and women in the military stationed overseas, only UMUC accepted.

Today, UMUC classroom sites can be found throughout Maryland, the Washington, DC metropolitan area, and over 100 overseas locations. Last year, over 71,000 students were enrolled in UMUC classes. About 47,000 were service members on active duty with the U.S. military, stationed stateside and abroad in over 29 countries. UMUC is proud of its long history of service to the military and is honored to count over 50 admirals and generals among its alumni. Moreover, UMUC is a pioneer in distance learning; students now can "attend class" from anywhere in the world via the Internet.

Ms. Smock has actively contributed to the growth and success of UMUC. She began working for the University System in 1966 and has served in the UMUC Overseas Programs Office where she worked as logistical coordi-

nator for new faculty recruited to the European and Asian divisions. Further, she has been instrumental in the growth of the Alumni Association from its inception more than a decade ago. Today, the Association boasts of more than 35,000 alumni in Maryland and over 100,000 UMUC alumni worldwide.

During the past seven years, Ms. Smock has coordinated with many UMUC alumni-volunteers and helped establish a stronger relationship with the Maryland General Assembly. She has been a tireless advocate for UMUC, its alumni, and their support of their alma mater—a global University that will provide to any student, anywhere, the opportunity for life-long learning.

Ms. Smock deserves the thanks and praise of Marylanders and this grateful nation which she has faithfully served for so long. I ask the Members of the House to join me in wishing her and her husband, Ray, all the best in the years ahead.

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#### IN HONOR OF P.O. JEANETTE MORALES

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of P.O. Jeanette Morales and her record of service to Brooklyn as a member of the New York City Police Department.

Jeanette Morales was born and raised in East New York. She graduated in 1982 and started working as a bank teller. She moved to various positions within the bank and ultimately became Senior Customer Service Representative. She enjoyed working with and helping people so a friend recommended that she become an Auxiliary Police Officer.

Jeanette served as an Auxiliary Police Officer in the 75th Precinct for a year and then applied to become a full-fledged New York City Police Officer. She passed the exam and was sworn in on July 11, 1988. After she graduated from the Police Academy she was assigned to field training within the 88th, 84th, 77th and the 79th precincts. In September 1989, Jeanette was assigned to the 79th Precinct. She was assigned to rotating tours for the first few years and was assigned to various units within the 79th Precinct. She worked in the S.N.E.U. (Street narcotics enforcement unit) and the Anti-Crime unit. In October 1993, she was assigned to Community Affairs. She worked in this unit for 8 years along side her partner, Detective David Allen. They worked extremely well together until the day he passed away. After 13 years in the 79th Precinct, Jeanette was transferred to Brooklyn North Community Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, P.O. Jeanette Morales has served the people of Brooklyn and New York City as a dedicated member of the New York City Police Department. As such she is more than worthy of our praise. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly committed public servant.